

## NEW CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

SENATOR JONES TO OFFER BILL IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE SOON.

## SEEMS TO BE RADICAL

Resembles Laws in Other States—Regulates Campaign Expenses—Political Meetings—The Penalties.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 20.—The state administration's corrupt practices act which will be introduced in the senate next week by Senator Jones, provides that money for political purposes can be expended only by two parties, "first, a candidate, and second, a political committee," and that "no other persons shall be permitted to expend any money for political purposes in connection with any campaign in primary or final elections."

While the bill appears radical in many respects, it is similar in effect with other laws in other states.

One of the most radical features prohibits the holding of a political meeting in a saloon or bar room, or in any building connected with a saloon, and not only punishes the persons who arrange the meetings but also the proprietor, or the premises which permits such meetings to be held. Violations of these provisions are made misdemeanors, punishable by a fine and imprisonment.

In its provisions the bill draws definite lines of punishment for misdemeanors and felonies. All misdemeanors are punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment of not less than one month, or more than three years, or both.

## STATE FINISHES ITS EVIDENCE

EXPECTED DEFENSE WILL COMPLETE ITS SIDE IN KETCHEL MURDER CASE TODAY—NOTHING STARTLING.

Marshallfield, Mo., Jan. 20.—All of the state's direct testimony in the Ketchel murder case had been presented when the court adjourned tonight. It is expected the defense will complete its case tomorrow and the jury will be instructed. Should this be accomplished the arguments will begin Monday.

But one new feature developed in the trial today, that being the question whether the dead pugilist's real name was Ketchel. He always maintained that this was his correct name. R. P. Dinkerson, the millionaire upon whose ranch Ketchel was killed, had been summoned as a witness for the state. He did not take the stand, however. It is reported he will be subpoenaed by the defense.

## RATIFICATION ELECTIONS.

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 20.—Elections for the ratification of the constitution for the new state of New Mexico are to be held tomorrow. Indications are that a heavy vote will be polled.

## BIG MILLING PLANT BURNED.

St. Louis, Jan. 20.—The plant of the Manchester Milling Company 18 miles west of here, burned tonight. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

## GAS GOT IN DEADLY WORK

Five Persons Found Overcome in Philadelphia's "Tenderloin" District Yesterday.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—Gas got in its deadly work in two different places in the "tenderloin" section of this city today, when five persons were found overcome, four of them dying before they could be resuscitated. John Boyle and his sister, Nellie, and John Keefe, were found in one house, and were dead when removed to a hospital. Charles Weiler and Saddle Grossman were found overcome in a room in a lodging house. Weiler was dead and the woman was in a serious condition.

A defective gas meter was responsible for the death of the first three. In the case of Weiler and the woman the police are not certain that it was an accident.

## ERBSTEIN FOUND "NOT GUILTY"

JURY IN SECOND TRIAL IF CHICAGO LAWYER CHARGED WITH BRIBERY OUT LESS THAN AN HOUR.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Attorney Chas. E. Erbstein was found not guilty tonight of having bribed a juror to prevent the conviction of Leo O'Neil Browne, minority leader in the state legislature, who was charged with bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate. It was the lawyer's second trial and the jury was out less than an hour.

The specific charge against Erbstein, who was counsel for Browne in his second trial, was that he had bribed Juror Grant McCutchen to hold out for a verdict of "not guilty."

Browne was acquitted on his second trial. Soon after the trial Chas. Stacey told States Attorney John W. Weyman that he had arranged with Erbstein for McCutchen to receive payment for holding out. In the testimony that was presented the charges against Erbstein followed.

He was tried on December 17, the jury reporting its inability to agree. A second trial was begun January 9 and resulted in the acquittal today.

## EQUADOR WILL NOT ARBITRATE

REFUSES TO SEND HER BOUNDARY DISPUTE WITH PERU TO THE HAGUE FOR SETTLEMENT.

Quayquil, Ecuador, Jan. 20.—Ecuador has declined to send the dispute over the Peru-Ecuador boundary to the Hague court for arbitration. Jose Perato, the Ecuadorian secretary of foreign affairs, today answered the joint note of Brazil of Argentine Republic and rejected the suggestion in their efforts toward mediation.

CAUSED NO SURPRISE. Washington, Jan. 20.—The announcement from Quayquil that Ecuador had declined to send the Peru-Ecuador dispute to the Hague Court for arbitration created no surprise in official quarters here. It has been amply indicated from advices received by the state department.

## WESTERN MINERS GIVEN CHARTER

NOW ATTACHED TO AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ON SAME FOOTING WITH UNITED MINE WORKERS.

Washington, Jan. 20.—After almost three days of argument the executive council of the American Federation of Labor today decided to grant a charter to the Western Federation of Miners on equal terms with the one held by the United Mine Workers of America.

Chas. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who has been looking after the interests of that organization, expressed himself in entire accord with the terms. The policy agreed upon will now be submitted to the Western Federation of Miners for ratification. Mr. Moyer advanced the hope that his organization would accept it.

The United Mine Workers of America, in convention at Columbus, Ohio, today unanimously voted to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor if the Western Federation of Miners was not granted a charter.

## MINERS DANGEROUSLY BURNED.

Wheatcroft, Ky., Jan. 20.—Four miners were dangerously burned and another for an hour while the lives of 29 others were imperiled by an explosion of coal dust at the bottom of shaft No. 5 of the Western Kentucky Coal Mining Company's mines here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The dust was ignited by the explosion of a keg of powder.

To Induce Sleep. Sleeplessness is the greatest menace that tired or overworked nerves have for health and health sleep may be induced by warm milk slipped slowly, or if this is ineffective, by long drafts of cool water and a cold bandage around the brow.

## LAWYERS HAVE SEVERAL TILTS

STATE MADE SEVERAL OBJECTIONS IN SCHENK CASE YESTERDAY.

## THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN

Called by Defense, Which Sought to Impeach Testimony Dr. Myers—Detective Nurse Also Denounced.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 20.—The defense in the trial of Mrs. Laura Fornworth Schenk, today introduced testimony to show that her husband, John O. Schenk, whom she is charged with poisoning, had been ill long before the time the state alleged she administered poison to him. In support of the contention the lawyer for Mrs. Schenk put on the stand Charles B. Hughes, a railroad man, and Dr. A. C. East, the Schenk family physician.

The afternoon session was continued by tilts between the attorneys. The defense sought to put on the stand Dr. Robert H. Stoppel, of Pittsburg, to impeach the testimony of Mrs. Eleanor Zooker, or "Mrs. Klein," the detective nurse.

Attorney Boyce said he wished to show that she was addicted to the use of morphine. The state objected and was sustained.

Hughes testified last long before Mr. Schenk's trip he told him of suffering from asthma, the same symptoms the physicians attributed to poisoning.

Dr. East testified that he had treated Schenk for tonsillitis in September, 1909, also had attended him on other occasions. The doctor, answering the hypothetical question for the state, was of the opinion that the symptoms described were those of lead and arsenic poisoning.

The defense introduced witnesses to impeach Dr. J. W. Myers, who testified that Mrs. Schenk had secured sugar of lead from him, and who also said he had refused to sell her Fowler's solution of arsenic when she applied. The state's attorney protested against several questions and this brought on lively tilts. The defense has decided to place Mrs. Schenk on the stand.

The court has asked for instructions from the lawyers for tomorrow, but it is likely they will not be ready. The lawyers for Mrs. Schenk say they may be able to conclude their side of the case by Saturday.

## TENTH BALLOT IN TENNESSEE

NO CHOICE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR—POLITICAL LEADERS MORE AT SEA—COLORADO SITUATION.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20.—The tenth ballot for United States senator was taken in the legislature today and has left the political leaders at sea probably more than they have been since the assembly convened. McMillan could get no more than 35 votes, although yesterday he received 62 and Enloe's votes remained the same, 63.

J. B. McCallister, of Memphis, who has not announced his candidacy, received 8 votes.

## MAY DELAY ELECTION.

Denver, Jan. 20.—Twenty-one members of the Democratic majority of the Colorado assembly put their names today to an agreement to prevent the election of a United States senator until the platform pledges of the Democratic party have been enacted into law.

It is believed the action of today's caucus may delay the choice of a successor to the late Charles J. Hughes, Jr., for thirty days or more, although the official balloting is to begin next Tuesday.

## Injunction Eased.

"What," said the little girl. The father is something of a fastidious as to speech, and he said to the five-year-old: "You should never say 'What?' my dear; always say: 'I beg your pardon.'" That the injunction issued on the side of sweepings was conveyed to him later, when the little girl, pointing to a blossom, said: "I beg your pardon" is the name of that flower?

## A Tender Conscience.

Owen Peterson of Fort Collins, Colo., 65 years old, walked 20 miles to pay 1 cent to a druggist to Greeley. Peterson confessed that he had stolen a postal card from the store last week and his conscience would not let him rest until he had made restitution.

## TWO WHITE MEN HOLD UP NEGRO

STOPPED HIM ON UPPER WASHINGTON AVENUE NEAR MAYOR'S RESIDENCE.

## 2 WHITE MEN BURGLARS

Attempt to Enter O'Shea Residence—One Carried Small Ladder—Seen by Mrs. O'Shea—40 in Two Weeks.

## Hold Up.

John Black, a negro who drives a delivery wagon for the Lewis Mercantile Co., on Ohio street, had an exciting experience Thursday evening about dusk on upper Washington avenue, just above Mayor Parsons' residence.

He had been delivering some merchandise to up-town dealers and was returning when he was called to halt by two young white men who came from the sidewalk, and who requested to be permitted to ride. Black halted and the men got into the wagon, but hardly had they reached the seat when one struck a pistol in his face and the other grabbed the reins and held the horses, while the man with the pistol demanded what money he had.

Black had collected \$11 from one of the dealers for merchandise delivered, but fearing that something might happen, because so much had happened lately, he threw the money, wrapped in a piece of paper, into the straw which covered the bottom of the wagon bed; and when the night-wagon searched him he had no money on his person.

He was searched thoroughly, however, and when nothing but a pocket knife was found the rascals left him with a volley of curses.

Being asked by Mr. Lewis to describe the men he said he could not except that they were young white men, one wearing black clothes. "As I wasn't thinking about how they looked, boss," said Black, "an' I wouldn't know 'em if I saw 'em this minute. But that pistol he poked in my face was one of dem blue things an' looked to be 'bout five feet long."

## They Attempt Burglary.

John J. O'Shea, the plumber, said last night an attempt was made to burglarize his house. Mr. O'Shea and family reside upstairs over his plumbing establishment, 1703 Washington avenue. At about 9:30 o'clock last night Mr. O'Shea heard a noise at the street door. Mr. O'Shea was not at home at the time. The noise sounded as though some one was trying to unlock the door. She raised the front window and looking down saw two young white men at the door. One of them had a small ladder in his hand. She asked what was wanted and the two ran away as fast as they could. Mr. O'Shea says he believes that the small ladder was intended to be used to reach the transom and get into the house by that way in case they failed to open the door from the outside.

## Two Weeks' Record.

During the last two weeks there have been exactly forty cases of burglary or intended burglary at the residences or business places of Cairo citizens. In no case has there been any serious harm done; the intruders appear to have been very careful to avoid the people whose houses they invaded, taking few or no chances of being caught. The loss has been slight, the fellows seeming to be only after money, of which they have gotten very little. The chief harm they have done has been to scare people, especially the women of the households they visited.

There was one case reported last night. The list on places visited as reported since Saturday, Dec. 31, is as follows:

Harry Cushman.  
J. H. Gilling 2115 Walnut.  
E. E. Ellis 2105 Walnut.  
M. J. Hopple 2103 Walnut.  
E. G. Howley 2013 Walnut.  
Wm. Kluge 3201 Walnut.  
H. H. Halliday 320 Tenth.  
Mrs. J. W. Morris 813 Walnut.  
Samuel Gruskin 1007 Commercial.  
Fred Parabaker Tenth street.  
Gey. Kochler 329 Eighth street.  
Candy Kitchen Eighth street.  
Wm. Hodke 327 Sixth street.  
Mrs. Kratky, 316 Third street.  
Dr. Walsh 229 Twentieth street.  
C. M. Ellis Sixth street.  
A. L. Watson 315 Twentieth street.  
Capt. Gillespie 517 Center street.  
P. T. Langan 724 Twenty-second street.  
Bury Bee Store Washington avenue.  
Geo. B. Walker 2291 Walnut street.  
T. C. Baxter 1711 Poplar street.  
W. W. Pritchard 1735 Poplar street.  
W. F. Smith 322 Seventh street.

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## BANKERS CALLED BY GRAND JURY

DANVILLE ELECTION FRAUD PROBE TAKES SENSATIONAL TURN.

## CANNON'S SON-IN-LAW

Was Among Those Called as Witnesses Yesterday—Politics Boiling Over in Connection With Inquiry.

Danville, Ill., Jan. 20.—The appearance of the presidents of four banks who were bondsmen for former County Treasurer H. H. Whitlock, before the grand jury today, caused rumors that they formed an entering wedge in the corrupt elections probe, but none of the court officials nor jurors would neither affirm nor deny it.

It is believed the grand jury will take up the vote setting question Monday, as all criminal matters will have been disposed of by then.

It was said that nearly two-thirds of the jury support Foreman Isaac Woodyard in demanding a rigid investigation of the charges and rumors of political corruption.

States Attorney J. H. Lewman, beyond saying he will prosecute vigorously any person against whom any indictments are returned, and will welcome testimony before the grand jury, refuses to discuss the matter.

Among the men called before the jury today was E. T. Lennore, son-in-law of former Speaker Cannon, and half a dozen other bankers. These men, with Cannon himself, were bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Hardy Whitlock. They will tell the inquisitorial body of the defalcation of \$37,000 they were forced to make good after Whitlock had been beaten in his race for sheriff last November. The shortage is laid directly to vote buying and heavy campaign expenses by friends of the now quiescent county official.

Significance of Move. The calling of these men, who are among Danville's most wealthy and prominent citizens, is regarded by those on the "inside" as a move preliminary to laying bare the scandalous proceedings which have marked Vermillion county's elections for years. While these witnesses will tell only of their knowledge concerning Whitlock's shortage, the legal foundation for a procedure whereby his political managers, township capitalists and workers may be hauled into court, it is said, will be laid.

In political circles it had been generally felt that with the satisfying of the defalcation by the bondsmen the shortage scandal would be squelched. Foreman Isaac Woodyard and members of the grand jury are not disposed to feel that way. They regard Whitlock's case as a glaring example of what unclean politics will do. On top of this they have been given advice by States Attorney John H. Lewman that the law is far from being satisfied by the restitution.

"When Whitlock took the money from the treasury he committed a crime," the prosecutor told the jury. "Even though he personally had made restitution, the crime would still be apparent. The law has not been satisfied."

## "Lead" For the Inquiry.

It is generally understood by those who are close to the situation that the Whitlock case will be "the lead" through which the inquisitorial body will pursue its investigation. Such a procedure would lay bare many secrets of the last two elections which would tend to give impetus to the inquiry.

In the primary of Sept. 13, John T. Sheppard, the victorious candidate for sheriff, obtained 3,515 votes, noting out Whitlock by 143 votes. Charles Knox, a wealthy farmer, in the fierce three-cornered battle, was given 1,222 votes. The Democratic vote was light only 900 ballots being polled.

Cannon obtained 1,714 votes against 2,264 given his Republican opponent, Henry B. Downs. In the election on Nov. 8, Sheppard received 6,907 votes against 5,588 votes obtained by his opponent, Thomas Atwood, a Democrat and wealthy farmer. It is in this light that it is charged that barrels of money were turned loose. In this same election Cannon was boosted back to Congress with a vote of 7,556. His opponent, Attorney William L. Condit, a Democrat, was given 4,339 votes; George W. Woolley, Prohibitionist, 863, and H. M. Brooks, Socialist, 254 votes. The total vote polled was 13,143.

## TO TRY LYNCHER.

Newark, Ohio, Jan. 20.—A jury for the trial of Wm. McKinley, a shopkeeper, for alleged participation in the lynching of Carl Eberhart here last July, was completed today. The opening statements were made by the state and defense and court adjourned until Monday.

## GOOD-BYE NOTE FORMS A CLUE

SCRIBBLED IN CHALK OUTSIDE SHANTY IN WHICH DEAD BODY OF BOY WAS FOUND HANGING THURSDAY.

## RAYNOR MAIN SPEAKER

Assaulted Sutherland Amendment Giving Senate Power to Control Time and Manner Senatorial Elections.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 20.—That little Foster Campbell, whose dead body was found last night hanging in a shack built by the boys of the neighborhood, met his death at the hands of a former playmate seems to be clearly indicated by the finding of a "good-bye" note on the outside of the shanty. This note, misspelled, written in chalk in childish characters, reads as follows:

"Good-bye, David." (Signed) "Lola H."

The name "David," the police, are intended by the writer of the note to mean "divil," and "Lola H." evidently intended to convey the impression that Lola Hannon, the closest friend of the dead lad, was responsible for his death, and had scribbled the farewell.

Not the slightest suspicion, however, attaches to the Herron boy, who is only seven years old.

It is the belief that some other boy knotted a rope about the little fellow's neck and tied the loose end to a rafter. The rope was drawn too tightly, and death resulted.

## SIMS IS GIVEN A REPRIMAND

NAVAL OFFICER WHO DELIVERED SPEECH IN LONDON IN DECEMBER DECLARED TO BE LACKING IN FACT.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The general order issued to the naval service of the United States by Secretary Meyer reprimanding in accordance with instructions of the president, Commander W. S. Sims of the battleship Minnesota for his "every drop of blood" speech, delivered in London December 2, was made public today.

After quoting the letter recently addressed to Secretary Meyer by the president, Secretary Meyer added these words to the general order:

"Public reprimand is hereby administered to Commander W. S. Sims, United States navy, and will be entered upon his official record. The boldness of the offense indicates to the naval service the lack of tact and knowledge of the plain duties of an officer of the navy exhibited by Commander Sims."

## \$3,000 PRIZE OFFERED

Havana Council Will Give McCurdy This Amount if Key West-Havana Flight Succeeds.

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 20.—The city council of Havana today voted a purse of \$3,000 to J. A. D. McCurdy, the American aviator, in case he makes a successful flight in his heavier-than-air machine next Tuesday from Key West to Havana. Mr. McCurdy is expected here tomorrow on the United States torpedo boat destroyer Paulding, to select a suitable landing place and make other arrangements relative to his proposed flight.

## PRaise PAUL MORTON

Resolutions Adopted by Several Concerns of Which He Was a Member.

New York, Jan. 20.—Resolutions of praise of the life of Paul Morton, and the sorrow over his death were unanimously adopted today by the directors of the Eubank Life Assurance Society, the Equitable Trust Company, and the Mercantile Trust Company, and by the executive committee of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

All of the resolutions were ordered enroute for presentation to the widow, together with the personal condolences of the directors for all the family.

## MAN SEWED UP IN CARCASS OF MULE; INSANE.

Blairsville, Ga., Jan. 20.—Barlow Brown the man who was sewed up in the carcass of a mule while in an alleged intoxicated condition by some companions several weeks ago has gone insane as the result of blood poisoning contracted from the mule carcass. The four men responsible for the practical joke it is said have fled the country. Brown is not expected to recover.

## DEBATE DIRECT ELECTION PLAN

RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION OF SENATORS BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

## RAYNOR MAIN SPEAKER

Assaulted Sutherland Amendment Giving Senate Power to Control Time and Manner Senatorial Elections.

Washington, Jan. 20.—For the first time since the report of the resolution looking to the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people that resolution today became the subject of general debate in the senate, which serves to indicate the chief danger threatening the success of the resolution.

Senator Raynor was the chief speaker, but the discussion was participated in by Senators Bacon, Borah, Sutherland and others.

It grew out of the Maryland senator's assault upon the Sutherland amendment giving congress such power to control the time and manner of holding senatorial elections, as is now possessed by it in the election of members of the house of representatives.

The amendment which is giving the friends of the measure particular concern, appears to many of the Republican senators but not to the Democrats.

Both Senators Bacon and Bacon charged that the Sutherland provision would authorize the use of federal agents at all the polls, and while Mr. Sutherland admitted that such extension from such authority would be impossible, he contended that it would be invoked only in cases of abuse.

## JOSEPH ROBIN'S MEMORY POOR

INDICTED NEW YORK PROMOTER CANNOT REMEMBER WHAT PROPERTY HE HOLDS—EXAMINED YESTERDAY.

New York, Jan. 20.—Joseph G. Robin, the indicted head of the Northern Bank of New York and the Washington Savings Bank, both of which were closed by the state superintendent, was examined in the bankruptcy case today. Robin's examiner was the first step by his creditors to ascertain the amount of his estate. The indicted banker appeared to be in excellent health, but of uncertain memory. Three assistants were present.

Of the exact amount of his holding Robin was uncertain. He owned, he said, approximately 4,000 shares of Northern Bank stock, 17,000 shares of the Fidelity and Development Company, \$50,000 worth of bonds of the South Shore Traction Company, 71,000 shares of the Aetna Indemnity company, 100,000 shares of the Reed Lumber and Timber company, and an unknown interest in various other corporations.

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT OPENS TONIGHT IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Jan. 20.—Sixteen five men teams of one local league will start the eleventh annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress here tomorrow night in the Coliseum. The allies and all arrangements have been completed. The tournament will close February 6th, and before the closing 412 five men teams and more than 2,000 individuals will have bowled. The prize list amounts to \$25,000.

## BOUNTY BILL IS SCORED

Certain Senators Declare It Will Lead to Ship Subsidy That Will be Too Expensive.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Asserting in the senate today that the pending ocean mail bounty bill is merely an entering wedge to a general ship subsidy, which may require an annual expenditure of from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, today made vigorous comments upon that measure. Senator Burton, of Ohio, also attacked the bill, as calculated to be very expensive and do little good.

Senator Gallinger defended the measure, saying it would contribute a much-needed stimulus to a decadent shipping.